THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 26th November 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Wholesale dealers in cloth and yarn in East Godavari district.

* 146-A *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to place on the table—

(*a*) the list of wholesale dealers in cloth finally selected by the Government for the district of East Godavari; and

(*b*) the list of wholesale dealers in yarn finally selected by the Government for the district of East Godavari?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"Lists[a] of wholesale dealers for mill cloth and for yarn for the East Godavari district approved by the Government have been placed on the table of the House."

Allotment of Japanese industrial equipment.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Japanese industrial equipment (received by way of reparations) was allotted to this Province by the Government of India;

(*b*) if so, (i) the particulars of machinery expected or received and (ii) how the same has been disposed of; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether the Government have made any, and what representations to the Government of India in the matter and with what results?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier):—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) Does not arise.

"(*c*) On a reference from the Government of India in October 1945 calling for telegraphic information regarding material damage caused in this Province by Japanese action with a view to exaction of reparations from that country, this Government informed Government of India that the claim for damage amounted to Rs. 5·5 crores roundly. In case the reparation would be met in kind, this Government also informed the Government of India of the industrial equipment required by the Textiles and other departments in this Province

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a Printed as appendix on pages 697–698 infra.